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The labor output increased as a result of improved working conditions and valuable suggestions by the workers themselves. In comparison with the previous year, the productivity of labor of factory workers increased 46.3 percent at the above-mentioned lamp factory and the cost of production was lowered by 23 percent. At the above-mentioned glass factory, the output increased by 57.5 percent, while cost of production decreased 7.8 percent.(4)

The total number of workers in Manchuria steadily increased in 1950. The influx of new workers began in 1949 when more than 240,000 workers were conscripted from the central regions of China. During the first 6 months of 1950, more than 700,000 workers and specialists arrived in Manchuria from other sections of China.(2)

Due to the great expansion in production, the living standard of workers in Manchuria was raised substantially. The purchasing power of the people grew 32 percent in villages and 20.5 percent in cities. Commodity prices on the whole remained rigid. Industrial output increased 100 percent, as compared with 1949 and the government plan was exceeded by 1.8 percent.(5)

The actual wages of workers increased during 1950 because of this increase in labor output and a subsequent stabilization of prices. The rise in consumer purchasing power in Manchuria is indicated by the sharp increase in the demand for cloth in the past 4 years. In 1947, 800,000 bolts of cloth were sold; in 1949, 3,200,000 bolts were sold; and in 1950, over 9 million bolts were sold.(2)

The rise in the living standard was reflected by the industrial speed-up occurring not only in state enterprises, but also in private enterprises and cooperatives. In state enterprises, production increased 178.8 percent, as compared with 1949, while sales were expanded by 112.4 percent.(5)

The cooperatives also showed substantial development. The number of purchasers was augmented by 127 percent. In retail trade, cooperatives expanded by 494 percent, thus exceeding the plan by 5.8 percent. The cooperative economy has become a very important aspect in the life of the people of Manchuria and is progressing rapidly.(5)

Private commercial businesses and trade firms also have developed considerably in 1950. The productivity of private concerns in Mukden increased by 232 percent in the third quarter of 1950, as compared with the first quarter of the same year. Commercial capital increased by 208 percent and industrial capital by 194 percent. The over-all turnover in trade increased by 126 percent.(5)

Manchurian transportation figures also reflect the sizeable increase in the productive capacity of labor. The freight plan for 1950 was fulfilled a month ahead of schedule. The over-all total of freight tonnage carried by state transportation, both over water and overland, increased by 175 percent.(5)

The Soviet Union has greatly influenced Manchurian industrial rehabilitation by supplying railroad tracks, high-precision equipment, and valuable technical materials. In addition, a number of specially trained Russian technical brigades arrived in Manchuria during 1950. In November, a brigade of Soviet lathe operators in Mukden demonstrated a high-speed method to Chinese operators, who were being trained and indoctrinated in the latest Soviet metal-cutting procedures.(6)

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At the machine-tool construction factory No 4 in Mukden, lathe operators applied these Soviet methods of high-speed cutting of metals and increased production output 21.5 times over former levels. A Chinese lathe operator can now bore a steel gear in 4 minutes instead of 90, and the quality of his work is now first class instead of second.(6)

The most significant contribution of the Soviet Union to the redevelopment of Manchurian industry was the wholesale transfer of all formerly Soviet-held commercial and industrial enterprises in Manchuria.(7) The following is a list of these enterprises and properties which were handed over to the People's Republic of China during 1950, in accordance with the Sino-Soviet Treaty of Friendship of 14 February 1950:(8)

In Peiping

The former military cantonment, consisting of 18 dwellings, secondary installations, and warehouses.

In Dairen

Port installations and facilities, plus a shipyard for the construction of wooden boats.

- "Dal'dok" ship-building and ship-repairing works
- 1 oil refinery
- 1 machine shop
- 1 electromechanical plant
- 1 cement works
- 1 electric lamp factory
- 2 glassworks
- 1 lac paint-manufacturing plant
- 1 cannery
- 1 butter-pressing plant
- 1 butter hydrogenation plant
- 2 butter extract factories
- 1 chamotte-insulator plant
- 1 stone-crushing works
- 1 rope-manufacturing plant
- 1 tin pot manufacturing plant
- 1 paper bag processing plant
- 1 motor depot with an available supply of machines and workshops
- 6 salt refineries
- 1 fish and food combine
- 4 refrigeration plants
- 1 machine repair shop
- 1 carpenter shop
- 1 boat repair shop
- 1 sewing shop
- 2 electric power stations
- 8 items (ob'yekt) of electricity and water supply, including the central electromechanical laboratory
- 9 cultural institutions:
 - 1 educational institution
 - 3 movie theaters
 - 2 theatrical buildings
 - 1 home for Soviet sailors
 - 1 rest home for workers
 - 1 social club
- 206 dwellings
- 22 warehouses
- 5 dormitories for employees
- 1 department store
- 1 section of land with an area of about 25 hectares

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In the rest of Manchuria

1 cement works
1 sugar refinery
7 milling and refining factories
1 soap-manufacturing plant
1 bottling plant
2 alcohol-processing plants
5 breweries
3 sawmills
1 paper factory
1 paper bag manufacturing plant
1 sausage factory
1 tobacco-processing plant
2 printing and lithographic establishments
1 motor depot
5 machine and auto repair shops
1 bakery
1 refrigeration plant
11 movie theaters
1 movie studio
157 dwellings
19 commercial buildings
33 warehouses
3 hotels
23 sections of land

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